

Work Group Meeting Record

Work Group: **Networks**

Meeting Number: **2**

Members Attending: Debbie Anthes, Dave Banno, Peggy Benz, Vanessa Cooley, Howard Dooley, Angela Downing, Gayle Dzekevich, Mary Lou Gentz, Jill Hollaway, Sharon Hoffman, Tom Larrobee Fred MacDonald, Bernice Morris, William Morissette, Betsy Nelson, Karisa Tashjian, Johan Uvin, Kristine Yankee.

Co-Chairs: Bernice Morris and Howard Dooley

Welcome and introductions:

Johan welcome the members and started introductions. He introduced Vanessa Cooley from Vocational Training for Adults (VTA). The VTA has had a statewide network for many years, and he thought the group could benefit from her perspective.

Recap

Bernice recapped the last meeting, and members accepted the minutes from that meeting. Angela Downing is the note-taker for this meeting; Fred Mac Donald agreed to be the note-taker for the next meeting.

Discussion

- Members recommended we define network
- Members identified components of comprehensive network.
- Vanessa Cooley shared the experiences of the VTA, and some of the benefits for using a network model.
- Dave Banno shared Tri-Town's experiences with the new Youth Network, and some of its benefits for programs and clients.
- Members developed an extensive list of program services and reasons for an Adult Education Network. Bernice and Angela will copy and organize the lists into Office files. Howard will attach the lists (Components of Networks; Reasons to Network) to these minutes.
- Members agreed that the definition in the information that RIDE provided at the first meeting is an acceptable definition for Network.

Next Steps

- There was general agreement that members would like to see specific demographic information by region. Johan will provide demographic information for the next meeting. The group hopes this information will

enable it to define natural regions for networks, and to understand the extent of services needed.

- While there is general agreement on what services should be included in the network and the reasons why those particular services are included, there is no agreement yet on how these services will be delivered and distributed through the network. The group hopes to begin this discussion at the next meeting.
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 1, 3 – 5 pm, at Cranston Adult Education. The chairs will check with Dr. Uvin to finalize the meeting time.